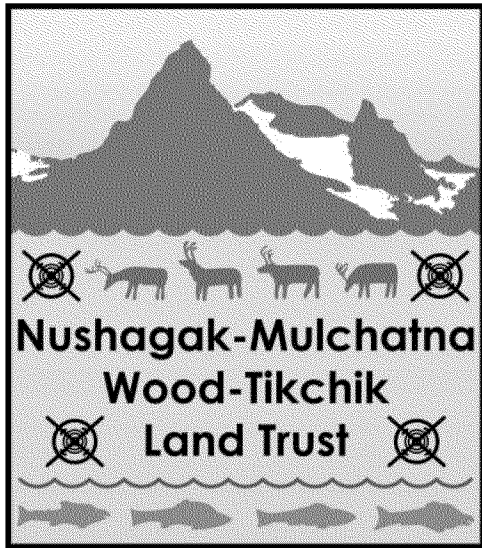


ANNUAL REPORT for 2010



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Land Trust Acquires Two Forty Acre Parcels on Nushagak River

Working closely with Koliganek Natives LTD, the village corporation for the Native village of Koliganek, the Land Trust acquired two parcels on the Nushagak River above the village. The deal represents a unique collaboration among a Native village, a sport fishing lodge and the conservation community. The village corporation contributed \$40,000 toward the purchase. A grant to the Land Trust from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for \$57,000 also helped with the purchase.



Donations from Bud Hodson at Tikchik Narrows Lodge and The Conservation Fund made up the balance to close the deal.

The acquisition of these two parcels protects the mouth of Harris Creek, a tributary important for the spawning and rearing of king and silver salmon. The acquisition also removes the threat of potentially inappropriate development adjacent to lands owned by the village corporation.



Jerry Liboff, Koliganek Natives LTD Business Manager hands \$40,000 check to Land Trust Board Chairman Luki Akelkok

Bristol Bay Flyfishing and Guide Academy Gets New Life

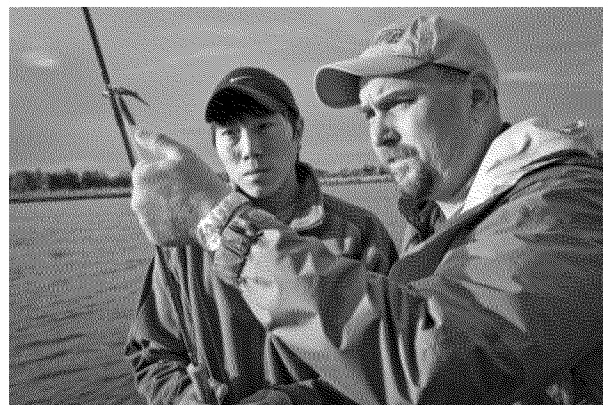
The Land Trust restarted the Bristol Bay Flyfishing and Guide Academy at the Ekwok Lodge on the Nushagak River. Despite bad weather that made for some wet fishing and a few cancelled presentations—all who were there would conclude it was a great success. Because commercial fishing was extended into August for the large Pink run a few expected participants who were still out fishing with family did not show at the last minute. Nine young people participated.

A few highlights

- ☐ The Ekwok Lodge was in great shape.
- ☐ The food was excellent and plentiful
- ☐ Luki, as expected, charmed all the participants



- ☐☐ Dan Plummer, Executive Director of the Friends of the Upper Delaware River, came all the way from New York to be lead instructor. He fit right in and did a great job. He caught his first Coho and grayling ever.
- ☐☐ Chris Casey from Trout Unlimited amazed the group with his great casting
- ☐☐ Luki took a participants to fish at the Nuyakuk Falls and stopped to visit Herman Nelson and M&H store on the way
- ☐☐ Kirk Deeter, renowned fly-fisher and writer for Field and Stream Magazine and the internet site Angling Trade, helped with the instruction. His story about the Academy will be the feature article in the July 2011 Field and Stream Magazine.
- ☐☐ Tim Sundlove and Matt Voy from BLM provided some great background on river ecology and stewardship
- ☐☐ Shelly Wade of Agnew Beck and Nelli Williams of Trout Unlimited challenged the group with quizzes and kept everyone organized and on task.
- ☐☐ Randy Hastings and his son Ruben (a 2008 academy participant) from New Stuyahok were excellent boat guides and kept everyone on the fish.
- ☐☐ There was maybe 6 hours of sun during the week.
- ☐☐ No injuries —everybody home safe.
- ☐☐ Gayle Bartmann of Manokotak was **te 'tp gid3' at te Academy** receiving a \$150 cash prize donated by Luki and Pauline **Alelck on behalf of Matug's** lodge. Fernando Sutton and Sandi Echuck from Togiak also received cash prizes from Luki and Pauline for second and third.
- ☐☐ Clara Gosuk of Togiak received a \$100 cash prize from Dave and Carla camp chefs and hosts for the first coho caught. Turned out to be the largest fish caught during the academy —27 ½ inches.
- ☐☐ Dave Milligan from Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation provided CPR instruction and all participants received CPR certification. Dave stayed on to fish with us for a few days and act as a client for the participants



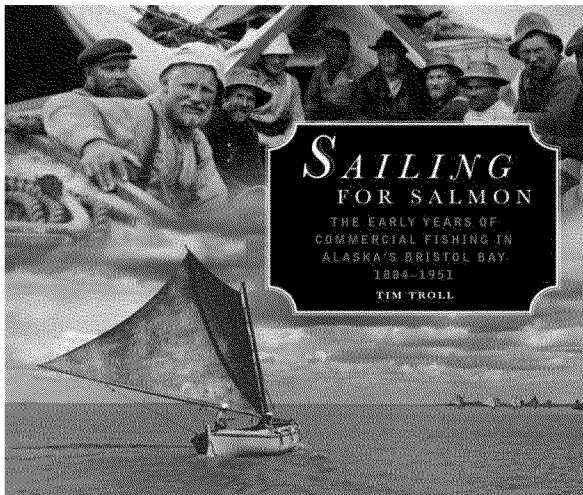
Field and Stream Editor Kirk Deeter gives a few pointers to Fernando Sutton

- ☐ Thanks to Redington there were great rods and gear. Mossies Fly Shop in Anchorage made sure there was plenty of fly tying material. All participants took home rods and reels, a fly box and fly tying kit.
- ☐ Gayle Bartmann was provided a fall internship with Alaska Bear Trail lodge

There were many generous supporters for the academy. Bristol Bay Native Corporation, Trout Unlimited and the Bureau of Land Management provided the seed money for the program. Other key support came from the Alaska Conservation Foundation, GCI and The Nature Conservancy.

The Academy for 2011 will be held at Alaska Bear Trail Lodge on the Naknek River. Nanci Morris-Lyons will return as a lead instructor

Sailing for Salmon Exhibit Continues With Opening in Anchorage and a Book Release



The exhibit *Sailing For Salmon: 125 Years of Commercial Fishing in Bristol Bay* opened at the Pratt Museum in Homer on May 21. The event was the largest attended opening at the Pratt in several years. The exhibit remained in Homer for the summer. As part of the celebration the Pratt restored

an original Bristol Bay sailing gillnetter from the Great Atlantic and Pacific Company cannery at Nakeen on the Kvichak River

The exhibit opened at the Anchorage Museum on the evening of April 14 with a presentation on the early commercial fishing in Bristol Bay. It will be on display at the Museum through September of 2011.

The Land Trust has published a new book for the exhibit called: *Sailing for Salmon — The Early Years of Commercial Fishing in Bristol Bay*. The book was edited and illustrated by Land Trust Executive Director Tim Troll. The photos in the book were compiled by Troll and John Branson, Historian for the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. Copies of the book can be ordered through the Land Trust at \$24.95 plus shipping.

The Nature Conservancy Releases Ecological Risk Assessment and Changes Position on Mining in Nushagak and Kvichak Watersheds

The Alaska office of The Nature Conservancy released an assessment of the environmental risks of mining in the Nushagak and Kvichak watersheds. The assessment was undertaken by the firm of Ecology and Environment and took two years to complete. Copies of the assessment are available from the Conservancy. Bottom line - mining copper in a sulfide ore body with current technology presents significant risks to the aquatic resources of these watersheds.

After reviewing the assessment and the results of work conducted by the Conservancy, the Conservancy Board of Directors revised its position on mining in Southwest Alaska and released a statement recommending that in the Kvichak and Nushagak watersheds mining and other activities should not be allowed that will:

1. destroy or impair wild salmon habitat, such that the sustained abundance in the watersheds is placed at significant risk;

2. require water withdrawals that may exceed ecological flow needs for fish and wildlife;
3. need active management in perpetuity to avoid environmental contamination;
4. result in acid mine drainage that cannot be eliminated by proven methods and technology established at comparable sites and scale.

Environmental Protection Administration to Conduct Study on Environmental Risks of Mining in Bristol Bay

In response to a request submitted by Native village tribal governments, most located on the Nushagak River, the EPA will undertake an assessment of the potential impact of large scale open pit mining in Bristol Bay. The report, expected within the year, will determine whether the EPA will exercise its power under Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act to preempt discharges of fill from mining into the waters of the United States in Bristol Bay. These waters include the Kaktuli River, a tributary of the Mulchatna River. A determination by the EPA that large scale open pit mining will pose a significant threat to the Kaktuli River and other waters in Bristol Bay will prevent mining at the Pebble Prospect.

The EPA has three questions to address in its assessment:

- ☐ Is Bristol Bay an important fishery?
- ☐ Does large scale open pit mining pose a significant threat to that fishery?
- ☐ Can modern mining technology or methods eliminate the threat?

Help Land Trust Buy this Property on the Mulchatna River

A 160 acre parcel of property, encompassing the confluence of Old Man Creek with the Mulchatna River has been offered to the Land Trust by its Native land owner. The owner wishes to sell to a conservation organization like the Land Trust that will keep the land in its natural condition. The parcel contains a prehistoric settlement and was the location of a ~~tapa's~~ cabin in historic times. The

parcel was identified as a priority for ~~protection in the Land Trust's survey of~~ habitat values on private parcels located within the Nushagak River watershed. Old Man Creek is an important tributary for



spawning and rearing red, king and coho salmon as well as important for other game fish like rainbow trout and grayling. It is also a popular fishing site on the Mulchatna that should be preserved for public access.

The Land Trust has executed an earnest money agreement with the Native land owner and needs to raise \$ 187,500 to purchase the property. Please contact the Land Trust at nmwland@nushtel.com if you can help or know someone who might be interested in helping.

Financial Status —Year End 2010

During 2010 the Land Trust raised \$13,005 in general donations, \$1550 for the General Stewardship Fund, \$49,498 in grant support for various projects, \$6038 in sales income (books, t-shirts, canned salmon), and \$1,040 in interest. Total income for the year was \$72,473; expenses came to \$90,760. For 2010 the Land Trust had a net operational loss of \$18,287. Corporate assets at year-end were distributed as follows:

General Savings	\$137,766
General Checking	\$10,769
Stewardship Funds	\$55,869

During the year the Land Trust raised \$112,000 for the purchase of 80 acres on the Nushagak River. The purchase price, however, was \$120,000. The Land Trust hopes to make up the \$8000 difference from a future grant.

Executive Director's Year End Conservation Assessment

The acquisition of two Native allotment parcels on the Nushagak River with significant funds contributed by a Native village corporation is a watershed for conservation in Bristol Bay. Koliganek Natives LTD provided money to help conserve the integrity of its corporate lands. The Land Trust matched with grants and other donations. Now the Land Trust and the village corporation are working on a transfer of the land to the village corporation. The intent is the Land Trust will convey the land to the village corporation subject to a conservation easement. In exchange the corporation will convey a conservation easement to the land

trust over other corporate lands having conservation values. The deal, if successful, would be a groundbreaking achievement and a model for future conservation transactions.

Land Trust Website

Visit the Land Trust website to learn more about our work, our partners, and our Board of Directors. Also available on the website are copies of organizational documents, financial reports to the IRS, copies of important actions of the Board, and previous Annual Reports.

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